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Foreword

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) continued its progress in protecting public health, welfare, and the environment through the Superfund program in fiscal year 1993 (FY93). As the Superfund program completed its thirteenth year, the Agency had begun work at 94 percent of the 1,320 sites proposed to or listed on the National Priorities List (NPL). EPA is pleased to submit this Report documenting FY93 achievements.

Section 301(h) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA, or Superfund), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, requires the Agency to report annually on activities and accomplishments and to compare remedial and enforcement activities with those undertaken in previous fiscal years. The emphasis during FY93 was on construction activities, and as a result, 68 NPL sites were placed in the construction completion category. This brought the program total to 217 sites. The Agency or PRPs also started approximately 60 remedial investigation/feasibility studies, 130 remedial designs (RDs), and 120 remedial actions (RAs) during the fiscal year.

Continued progress in the enforcement program illustrates EPA's successful efforts to compel potentially responsible parties (PRPs) to clean up hazardous waste sites. PRPs financed approximately 65 percent of the RDs and 80 percent of the RAs started in FY93. EPA entered into 189 enforcement agreements with PRPs for an estimated value of more than \$910 million. The Agency or PRPs have now started more than 3,350 removal actions, including approximately 310 during FY93. Federal facility accomplishments have shown dramatic increases; 120 of the 123 federal facility sites listed on the NPL are now covered by interagency agreements for clean-up activities. EPA also continued to encourage public involvement in the Superfund process, to enhance partnerships with states and Indian tribes, and to encourage the use and development of treatment technologies.

In addition to providing an overall perspective on progress in the past fiscal year, this Report contains the information Congress specifically requested in Section 301(h) of CERCLA, including a report on the status of remedial actions and enforcement activity in progress at the end of the fiscal year and an evaluation of newly developed feasible and achievable treatment technologies. As required by Section 105(f), the Report describes current minority firm participation in Superfund contracting and EPA's efforts to encourage increased participation. The Report fulfills the requirement of Section 301(h)(1)(E) by providing an update on progress being made at sites subject to review under Section 121(c). This Report also satisfies other reporting requirements of Section CERCLA 120(e)(5), the *EPA Annual Report to Congress: Progress Toward Implementing CERCLA at EPA Facilities as Required by CERCLA Section 120(e)(5)*. Appendix D consists of a matrix that charts the progress of EPA and other government organizations in meeting Superfund-related statutory requirements. The EPA Inspector General's report on the reasonableness and accuracy of the information in this Report, as required by CERCLA Section 301(h)(2), is included as Appendix E.

Appendix G is included to give an overall summary of the Superfund Program in fiscal years 1992 through 1994.

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